



October 1, 2017 Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 136 Gospel MT 21:28-32

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: "What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He came to the first and said, 'Son, go out and work in the vineyard today.' He said in reply, 'I will not,' but afterwards changed his mind and went. The man came to the other son and gave the same order. He said in reply, 'Yes, sir,' but did not go. Which of the two did his father's will?" They answered, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you. When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him."

Spiritual Reflection: Pope Francis - "It is not enough to say we are Christians. We must live the faith, not only with our words, but with our actions." Many people find Pope Francis inspiring and challenging because he encourages us to translate our faith into action. It is not enough to simply say "yes" to God. We must show that "yes" to God in the daily actions of our lives.

Spiritual Questions

1. Name a time in which you said "yes" to something and failed to do it.
2. Name a time in which you said "no" to something and ended up doing it.
3. How important is it for you to do what you say you are going to do?
4. Is it ever too late to follow God?
5. Is there ever a good time to turn away from God?